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In response to an adminstrative subpoena, [redacted] Louisiana, made the following [redacted] to Special Agent [redacted] b7C b7F

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MIGUEL VELEZ
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Investigation on 2/21/86 at [redacted] Louisiana File # New Orleans 245D-7 -725

by SA [redacted] b7C Date dictated 2/24/86

Seal

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was questioned by FBI agents at the airport about 8 45 p m but was released because agents did not have cause to arrest him, the FBI said

Agents watched Velez and, when he could not get a flight to Miami or Orlando, he left the airport and went to the Hilton Hotel on Airline Highway in Kenner There, he caught a cab and told the driver to take him to Montgomery, Ala

Meridian police, acting on an all-points bulletin, held Velez after his cab hit a deer early Thursday morning

Velez was arrested with $3,000 in cash and the keys to a rented red Cadillac, which agents said was one of the getaway vehicles used after the assassination

Agents found Sanchez at the Hilton and he did not have a passport Border Patrol agent David Blackwell, who arrested Sanchez said he believes Sanchez entered the United States by crossing the Mexican border on Feb 12

FBI agents learned that Renteria was on the flight to Miami Though the plane was scheduled to have landed, they called U S customs agents, who arrested Renteria when his plane arrived a half hour late

Seal was shot 11 times in the head and chest with 9mm bullets Wednesday evening

Authorities said a 10-year-old girl witnessed Seal's killing from across the street The gunmen were seen again when they swapped getaway cars in the parking lot of a bingo parlor They abandoned a gray Buick, which contained two compact submachine pistols, the FBI said, and took the red Cadillac.

For Seal, who once boasted of smuggling 20,000 pounds of cocaine into the United States using nothing more than a telephone, the bloody slaying ended a career of informing

Seal had refused entry into the federal witness protection program, choosing to live in Baton Rouge and protect himself, Anderson said

Federal Judge Frank Polozola of Baton Rouge ordered him to report to the halfway house to perform six months of community service as part of a plea bargain agreement with the government In that 1985 case, Seal pleaded guilty to smuggling 218 kilograms of Colombian cocaine into the United States on Oct 14, 1982

The judge also ordered him to get rid of his private body guards

"He felt that he was just naked," Thomas D Sclafani, one of Seal's defense attorney's, told the Miami Herald "He said, 'If I have to report every day at a certain time to the Salvation Army and I have no way of protecting myself, I'm a clay pigeon '"

Before Seal was sentenced to the halfway house, federal prosecutors in Miami alerted the court in Baton Rouge that a contract existed for Seal's assassination

Colombian drug dealers offered $500,000 for Seal's death and $1 million for him to be brought back alive to Colombia, Sclafani said

Nonetheless, Assistant U S Attorney Richard D Gregorie, chief of narcotics prosecution in Miami, said the government planned to go ahead with the Ochoa case Ochoa is in Spain awaiting extradition

Seal is remembered as a likable daredevil

By AUSTIN WILSON
Associated Press writer

BATON ROUGE — Adler "Barry" Seal, described as the country's most important witness against international drug traffic, was flamboyant even as a youngster, flying airplanes to high school football games while others rode the bus

Seal was shot to death through the window of his luxury car Wednesday as he pulled into the parking lot of a halfway house where he spent weeknights as part of a sentence for drug dealing

Three men have been arrested in connection with the slaying

U S Attorney Stanford O Bardwell attended Baton Rouge High School with Seal and later prosecuted him

"He was not an athlete He was, however, a flamboyant, barn-storming pilot A real oddity in our school He flew to out-of-town football games, and we rode the bus," Bardwell said Thursday

Seal, 43, served with Special Forces in the Army, later became a flight engineer for Trans World Airways and the country's youngest pilot of 707 and 747 jets

Seal said four months ago that he began smuggling marijuana in 1977, "But I soon moved to cocaine because of its ease in handling and its profit structure "

He boasted that he made as much as $1 5 million per flight, and federal authorities say he made as many as 500 runs Seal said he landed in "probably every South American country there is" to pick up illegal cargo

From a modest background, Seal worked after-school jobs to pay for his early flying

Earlier this month, the Internal Revenue Service said Seal owed almost $30 million in back taxes and seized much of his holdings

In 1984, Seal was convicted and sentenced to 10 years in prison in a Florida drug case and indicted here for conspiracy in another $168-million cocaine case He became a federal informant in a plea bargain that netted him $35,000 in fines, a suspended sentence and the requirement that he spend weeknights at a halfway house



Adler Berriman Seal
Chief witness in major drug trial

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LOUISIANA STATE CRIME LAB AT THIS TIME. FBI ON SCENE IMMEDIATELY. AGENTS RESPONDED TO THE NEW ORLEANS AIRPORT AS A POSSIBLE ESCAPE ROUTE, AND OBSERVED AN INDIVIDUAL VAGUELY FITTING THE DESCRIPTION OF ONE OF THE SUBJECTS.

THIS INDIVIDUALS, SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED AS MIGUEL VELEZ WAS REQUESTING AN AIRPLANE TO MIAMI. HE WAS ADVISED THAT NO AIRCRAFT WAS THEN GOING TO MIAMI. HE THEN REQUESTED TO GO TO ORLANDO, FL. AGENTS APPROACHED VELEZ AND DETERMINED THAT HE HAD A LEGAL PASSPORT, WAS FROM PUERTO RICO, AND STATED HE WAS IN NEW ORLEANS ON A TWO WEEK VACATION. HE RELATED THAT HE HAD BEEN REGISTERED AT THE HILTON HOTEL ON AIRLINE HIGHWAY IN KENNER, LA. AGENTS NOT HAVING ANY FURTHER DESCRIPTION OR OTHER REASON TO HOLD VELEZ ALLOWED HIM TO LEAVE BUT DISCRETELY SURVEILLED HIM BACK TO THE VICINITY OF THE HILTON HOTEL. AGENTS ALSO AT THE AIRPORT DETERMINED A SECOND INDIVIDUAL VAGUELY FITTING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE SHORTER OF THE TWO INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED AT THE SHOOTING SCENE HAD BOARDED A DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT FROM NEW ORLEANS TO MIAMI VIA ATLANTA. NEW ORLEANS DIVISION TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED MIAMI DIVISION AND REQUESTED INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN FLORIDA. AGENTS RESPONDING TO THE HILTON HOTEL ON AIRLINE HIGHWAY WERE ADVISED THAT SUBJECT

VELEZ HAD OBTAINED A TAXI AND HAD LEFT THE AREA. CONTACT WITH THE OFFICE FOR THE TAXI COMPANY DETERMINED VELEZ HAD PAID $264 IN CASH TO THE DRIVER AND REQUESTED TO BE DRIVEN TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. WHILE AT THE HOTEL, AGENTS OBSERVED A LATIN AMERICAN INDIVIDUAL OBSERVING THE COMINGS AND GOINGS OF THE AGENTS AND STOPPED TO IDENTIFY HIM. DURING THIS INTERVIEW, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE A LEGAL PASSPORT TO ENTER THE U.S. THIS INDIVIDUAL UTILIZED THE NAME OF [redacted] WAS FROM VENEZUELLA AND HAD ILLEGALLY ENTERED THE U.S. THROUGH MEXICO AND HAD NEVER BEEN TO FLORIDA. HE STATED HE WAS EN ROUTE TO RELATIVES LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST PORTION OF THE U.S. FURTHER INTERVIEW WITH THE INDIVIDUAL DETERMINED THAT HE WAS LYING AND WHEN HE BECAME AWARE OF THIS HE DISCONTINUED ANY CONVERSATIONS. THE BORDER PATROL AND INS RESPONDED AND PLACED [redacted] UNDER ARREST FOR NO VALID PASSPORT. b7C

AFTER AGENTS RELEASED [redacted] TO THE INS, THEY WERE ADVISED BY THE DESK CLERK OF THE HILTON HOTEL THAT A HISPANIC INDIVIDUAL HAD FOLLOWED THE PREVIOUS DESK CLERK OUT THE DOOR AND DETAINED HIM ABOUT TWO BLOCKS AWAY AND INQUIRED ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS REGISTERED IN ROOM 268 (MIGUEL VELEZ). THE INDIVIDUAL WHO STOPPED

THE CLERK WAS DRIVING A BLUE LATE MODEL LINCOLN CONTINENTAL AND IS BELIEVED TO BE SUBJECT [redacted]

AGENTS INTERVIEWED SECURITY GUARDS AT THE HOTEL AND DETERMINED THAT SUBJECT [redacted] HAD BEEN IN PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH MIGUEL VELEZ ON FEBRUARY 18, 1986. [redacted] EARLIER DENIED THAT HE KNEW VELEZ. b7C

ATTEMPTS THROUGH THE DISPATCHER TO CONTACT THE TAXI CAB IN WHICH VELEZ WAS RIDING WERE NEGATIVE. LOOKOUTS WERE PLACED WITH THE STATE AND LOCAL POLICE IN LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI, AND ALABAMA FOR THE TAXI CAB.

FURTHER INTERVIEWS AT THE SCENE OF THE RECOVERED "DROP CAR" INDICATED THAT CAR HAD BEEN PURCAHSED FROM THE TOYOTA OF JEFFERSON COMPANY, 3701 CAUSEWAY BOULEVARD, METAIRIE, LA. THE NAME AND ADDRESS LISTED WAS IN THE NEW ORLEANS AREA AND ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO CONTACT THE SALESMAN OF THAT VEHICLE. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE CAR COMPANY HAD CLOSED AND THE SALESMAN'S TELEPHONE NUMBER WAS NOT READILY AVAILABLE TO THE MANAGEMENT. IT WAS DETERMINED AT THAT TIME THAT THE ADDRESS GIVEN FOR THE INDIVIDUAL [redacted], THE PURCHASER OF THE 1982 BUICK, WAS A NON-EXISTENT NUMBER. b7C

MIAMI DIVISION ADVISED THAT THEY HAD SUCCESSFULLY LOCATED THEIR

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SUBJECT AND DURING INTERVIEW ADVISED THAT HE WAS FROM MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA, AND HAD ENTERED THE UNITED STATES ILLEGALLY. HE WAS THEN PLACED UNDER ARREST BY BORDER PATROL IN MIAMI, FL.

A LOOK OUT WAS PLACED BOTH LOCALLY AND IN THE STATES OF TEXAS, MISSISSIPPI, AND ALABAMA FOR THE BLUE LINCOLN CONTINENTAL DRIVEN BY [redacted]

AT APPROXIMATELY 2:30 A.M., TAXI CAB DRIVER FOR VELEZ CONTACTED HIS OFFICE IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, AND ADVISED THAT HE HAD AN ACCIDENT IN MERIDIAN, MISS. HE STATED THAT HE HAD HIT A DEER CROSSING THE HIGHWAY. HE STATED THAT WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVED TO INVESTIGATE THE ACCIDENT THEY PLACED VELEZ UNDER ARREST BASED ON FBI WARRANT.

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NEW ORLEANS DIVISION IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED THE MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, RESIDENT AGENCY WHO EFFECTED A FEDERAL HOLD ON VELEZ BASED ON A VERBAL COMPLAINT WHICH HAD BEEN ISSUED BY USA, MDLA.

U.S. BORDER PATROL, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WHILE INVENTORYING SUITCASES IN POSSESSION OF [redacted] DETERMINED THAT THE SUITCASES AND THE CLOTHING WITHIN WERE NEW AND BORE LABELS FROM STORES IN THE MIAMI, FLORIDA, AREA. A PACKAGE OF MARLBORO CIGARETTES BEARING A FLORIDA TAX STAMP WAS ALSO FOUND IN HIS LUGGAGE. UPON CLOSER

EXAMINATION OF THE CLOTHES IN BOTH SUITCASES, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT ALTHOUGH THE CLOTHES WERE SIMILAR, THEY WERE NOT THE SAME SIZE. A FURTHER INVENTORY OF THE CONTENTS OF THE SUITCASES REVEALED TWO SEPARATE PASSPORTS, NEITHER OF WHICH HAD A PHOTOGRAPH OF [redacted] b7C

THE MIAMI DIVISION HAS OBTAINED MAJOR CASE PRINTS FROM SUBJECT [redacted] AND FLEW SAME TO NEW ORLEANS THIS DATE. MAJOR CASE PRINTS OF SUBJECT [redacted] HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY NEW ORLEANS FOR COMPARISON WITH LATENTS OBTAINED FROM THE RECOVERED VEHICLE, WEAPONS, AND OTHER EVIDENTIARY ITEMS. MAJOR CASE PRINTS WERE ALSO TAKEN OF VELEZ AND HAVE BEEN FORWARDED FROM MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, TO NEW ORLEANS.

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION IS CURRENTLY PREPARING AN AFFIDAVIT FOR A SEARCH OF ROOM 268 AT THE HILTON.

ON FEBRUARY 20, 1986, USA STANFORD BARDWELL, MDLA, MADE A PRESS RELEASE STATING THAT THREE INDIVIDUALS HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF BARRY SEALE. USA BARDWELL OBTAINED DEPARTMENTAL PERMISSION TO MAKE THE NEWSCAST AND REVEALED THE IDENTITY OF MIGUEL VELEZ AS BEING ARRESTED ON A COMPLAINT FILED BY THE FBI FOR OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE AND FOR CONSPIRACY TO OBSTRUCT JUSTICE. BARDWELL RELATED THAT THE ARREST OF [redacted] b7C

WERE FOR PASSPORT VIOLATIONS.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, AGENCIES INVESTIGATING THIS MATTER ARE FBI NEW ORLEANS, FBI MIAMI, FBI JACKSON, DEA NEW ORLEANS, DEA JACKSON, U.S. BORDER PATROL/INS MIAMI AND NEW ORLEANS; BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, POLICE DEPARTMENT; KENNER, LOUISIANA POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE. THE MERIDIAN, MISS. STATE POLICE AND ATF WILL JOIN THE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE THE BACKGROUND ON WEAPONS THAT WERE FOUND.

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JACKSON AT MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI: 1. WILL OBTAIN OFFICIAL POLICE REPORT OF ACCIDENT AND ARREST OF SUBJECT VELEZ AT MERIDIAN, MS, ON FEBRUARY 19, 1986.

2. WILL PROVIDE ANY AND ALL CLOTHING OBTAINED FROM VELEZ TO FBI LABORATORY FOR HAIRS AND FIBER EXAMINATIONS.

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3. CONDUCT ARREST AND INDICES CHECKS ON ALL SUBJECTS. UPON NOTIFICATION FROM USA, MDLA, WILL ASSIST IN PREPARING SUITABLE INDIVDUALS FOR A LINEUP FOR WITNESS VIEWING.

4. WILL CONTACT LOGICAL INFORMANTS TO DETERMINE IF OTHER CONTRACT KILLERS WITHIN A 48 HOUR PERIOD EITHER SIDE OF 6:00 P.M. FEBRUARY 19, 1986, ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS MURDER.

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LOUISIANA STATE CRIME LAB AT THIS TIME. FBI ON SCENE IMMEDIATELY. AGENTS RESPONDED TO THE ~~MOISANT AIRPORT IN KENNER, LOUISIANA~~ NEW ORLEANS AIRPORT AS A POSSIBLE ESCAPE ROUTE, AND OBSERVED AN INDIVIDUAL VAGUELY FITTING THE DESCRIPTION OF ONE OF THE SUBJECTS. ~~OBSERVED AT THE SHOOTING OF SEALE.~~ ~~THE UNSUB~~ THIS INDIVIDUAL, SUBSEQUENTLY IDNETIFIED AS MIGUEL VELEZ WAS REQUESTING AN AIRPLANE TO MIAMI. HE WAS ADVISED THAT NO AIRCRAFT WAS THEN GOING TO MIAMI. HE THEN REQUESTED TO GO TO ORLANDO, FL. AGENTS APPROACHED VELEZ AND DETERMINED THAT HE HAD A LEGAL PASSPORT, WAS FROM PUERTO RICO, AND STATED HE WAS IN NEW ORLEANS ON A TWO WEEK VACATION. HE RELATED THAT HE HAD BEEN REGISTERED AT THE HILTON HOTEL ON AIRLINE HIGHWAY IN KENNER, LA. AGENTS NOT HAVING ANY FURTHER DESCRIPTION OR OTHER REASON TO HOLD VELEZ ALLOWED HIM TO LEAVE BUT DISCRETELY SURVEILLED HIM BACK TO THE VICINITY OF THE HILTON HOTEL. AGENTS ALSO AT THE AIRPORT DETERMINED A SECOND INDIVIDUAL VAGUELY FITTING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE SHORTER OF THE TWO INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED AT THE SHOOTING SCENE HAD BOARDED A DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT FROM NEW ORLEANS TO MIAMI VIA ATLANTA. NEW ORLEANS DIVISION TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED MIAMI DIVISION AND REQUESTED INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN FLORIDA. AGENTS RESPONDING TO THE HILTON HOTEL ON AIRLINE HIGHWAY WERE ADVISED THAT SUBJECT

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VELEZ HAD OBTAINED A TAXI AND HAD LEFT THE AREA. CONTACT WITH THE OFFICE FOR THE TAXI COMPANY DETERMINED VELEZ HAD PAID $264 IN CASH TO THE DRIVER AND REQUESTED TO BE DRIVEN TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. WHILE AT THE HOTEL, AGENTS OBSERVED A LATIN AMERICAN INDIVIDUAL OBSERVING THE COMINGS AND GOINGS OF THE AGENTS AND STOPPED TO IDENTIFY HIM. DURING THIS INTERVIEW, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE A LEGAL PASSPORT TO ENTER THE U.S. THIS INDIVIDUAL UTILIZED THE NAME OF [redacted] WAS FROM VENEZUELLA AND HAD ILLEGALLY ENTERED THE U.S. THROUGH MEXICO AND HAD NEVER BEEN TO FLORIDA. HE STATED HE WAS EN ROUTE TO RELATIVES LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST PORTION OF THE U.S. FURTHER INTERVIEW WITH THE INDIVIDUAL DETERMINED THAT HE WAS LYING AND WHEN HE BECAME AWARE OF THIS HE DISCONTINUED ANY CONVERSATIONS. THE BORDER PATROL AND INS RESPONDED AND PLACED [redacted] UNDER ARREST FOR NO VALID PASSPORT. b7C

AFTER AGENTS RELEASED [redacted] TO THE INS, THEY WERE ADVISED BY THE DESK CLERK OF THE HILTON HOTEL THAT A HISPANIC INDIVIDUAL HAD FOLLOWED THE PREVIOUS DESK CLERK OUT THE DOOR AND DETAINED HIM ABOUT TWO BLOCKS AWAY AND INQUIRED ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS REGISTERED IN ROOM 268 (MIGUEL VELEZ). THE INDIVIDUAL WHO STOPPED b7C

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THE CLERK WAS DRIVING A BLUE LATE MODEL LINCOLN CONTINENTAL AND IS BELIEVED TO BE SUBJECT [redacted] b7C

AGENTS INTERVIEWED SECURITY GUARDS AT THE HOTEL AND DETERMINED THAT SUBJECT [redacted] HAD BEEN IN PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH MIGUEL VELEZ ON FEBRUARY 18, 1986. [redacted] EARLIER DENIED THAT HE KNEW VELEZ.

ATTEMPTS THROUGH THE DISPATCHER TO CONTACT THE TAXI CAB IN WHICH VELEZ WAS RIDING WERE NEGATIVE. LOOKOUTS WERE PLACED WITH THE STATE AND LOCAL POLICE IN LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI, AND ALABAMA FOR THE TAXI CAB.

FURTHER INTERVIEWS AT THE SCENE OF THE RECOVERED "DROP CAR" INDICATED THAT CAR HAD BEEN PURCAHSED FROM THE TOYOTA OF JEFFERSON COMPANY, 3701 CAUSEWAY BOULEVARD, METAIRIE, LA. THE NAME AND ADDRESS LISTED WAS IN THE NEW ORLEANS AREA AND ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO CONTACT THE SALESMAN OF THAT VEHICLE. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE CAR COMPANY HAD CLOSED AND THE SALESMAN'S TELEPHONE NUMBER WAS NOT READILY AVAILABLE TO THE MANAGEMENT. IT WAS DETERMINED AT THAT TIME THAT THE ADDRESS GIVEN FOR THE INDIVIDUAL [redacted] THE PURCHASER OF THE 1982 BUICK, WAS A NON-EXISTENT NUMBER. b7C

MIAMI DIVISION ADVISED THAT THEY HAD SUCCESSFULLY LOCATED THEIR

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ADLER BARRY SEALE; [redacted] AKA ET AL; NARCOTICS MATTER - OCDE TASK FORCE CASE. OO: NEW ORLEANS (NO 245D-7)

MIGUEL VELEZ; [redacted]

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SUBJECT AND DURING INTERVIEW ADVISED THAT HE WAS FROM MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA, AND HAD ENTERED THE UNITED STATES ILLEGALLY. HE WAS THEN PLACED UNDER ARREST BY BORDER PATROL IN MIAMI, FL.

A LOOK OUT WAS PLACED BOTH LOCALLY AND IN THE STATES OF TEXAS, MISSISSIPPI, AND ALABAMA FOR THE BLUE LINCOLN CONTINENTAL DRIVEN BY b7C [redacted]

AT APPROXIMATELY 2:30 A.M., TAXI CAB DRIVER FOR VELEZ CONTACTED HIS OFFICE IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, AND ADVISED THAT HE HAD AN ACCIDENT IN MERIDIAN, MISS. HE STATED THAT HE HAD HIT A DEER CROSSING THE HIGHWAY. HE STATED THAT WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVED TO INVESTIGATE THE ACCIDENT THEY PLACED VELEZ UNDER ARREST BASED ON FBI WARRANT.

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED THE MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, RESIDENT AGENCY WHO EFFECTED A FEDERAL HOLD ON VELEZ BASED ON A VERBAL COMPLAINT WHICH HAD BEEN ISSUED BY USA, MDLA.

U.S. BORDER PATROL, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WHILE INVENTORYING SUITCASES IN POSSESSION OF [redacted] DETERMINED THAT THE SUITCASES b7C AND THE CLOTHING WITHIN WERE NEW AND BORE LABELS FROM STORES IN THE MIAMI, FLORIDA, AREA. A PACKAGE OF MARLBORO CIGARETTES BEARING A FLORIDA TAX STAMP WAS ALSO FOUND IN HIS LUGGAGE. UPON CLOSER

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EXAMINATION OF THE CLOTHES IN BOTH SUITCASES, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT ALTHOUGH THE CLOTHES WERE SIMILAR, THEY WERE NOT THE SAME SIZE. A FURTHER INVENTORY OF THE CONTENTS OF THE SUITCASES REVEALED TWO SEPARATE PASSPORTS, NEITHER OF WHICH HAD A PHOTOGRAPH OF [redacted] b7C

THE MIAMI DIVISION HAS OBTAINED MAJOR CASE PRINTS FROM SUBJECT [redacted] AND FLEW SAME TO NEW ORLEANS THIS DATE. MAJOR CASE PRINTS OF SUBJECT [redacted] HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY NEW ORLEANS FOR COMPARISON WITH LATENTS OBTAINED FROM THE RECOVERED VEHICLE, WEAPONS, AND OTHER EVIDENTIARY ITEMS. MAJOR CASE PRINTS WERE ALSO TAKEN OF VELEZ AND HAVE BEEN FORWARDED FROM MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, TO NEW ORLEANS.

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION IS CURRENTLY PREPARING AN AFFIDAVIT FOR A SEARCH OF ROOM 268 AT THE HILTON.

ON FEBRUARY 20, 1986, USA STANFORD BARDWELL, MDLA, MADE A PRESS RELEASE STATING THAT THREE INDIVIDUALS HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF BARRY SEALE. USA BARDWELL OBTAINED DEPARTMENTAL PERMISSION TO MAKE THE NEWSCAST AND REVEALED THE IDENTITY OF MIGUEL VELEZ AS BEING ARRESTED ON A COMPLAINT FILED BY THE FBI FOR OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE AND FOR CONSPIRACY TO OBSTRUCT JUSTICE. BARDWELL RELATED THAT THE ARREST OF [redacted] b7C

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WERE FOR PASSPORT VIOLATIONS.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, AGENCIES INVESTIGATING THIS MATTER ARE FBI NEW ORLEANS, FBI MIAMI, FBI JACKSON, DEA NEW ORLEANS, DEA JACKSON, U.S. BORDER PATROL/INS MIAMI AND NEW ORLEANS; BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, POLICE DEPARTMENT; KENNER, LOUISIANA POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE. THE MERIDIAN, MISS. STATE POLICE AND ATF WILL JOIN THE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE THE BACKGROUND ON WEAPONS THAT WERE FOUND.

(X) MIGUEL VELEZ (X) IS DESCRIBED AS A LATIN AMERICAN MALE, 6' TALL, DARK CURLY HAIR, SLIGHT MUSTACHE, THIN BUILD, WITH ADDRESS OF 1500 NORTHWEST 52CD STREET, MIAMI, FL, DOB: JUNE 7, 1949.

(X) [redacted] (X) IS DESCRIBED AS A LATIN MALE, [redacted] IN HEIGHT, DOB: [redacted] VEHICLE BELIEVED TO BE A LATE MODEL BLUE LINCOLN CONTINENTAL. [redacted] CARD NUMBER OF [redacted] EXPIRATION DATE IS [redacted] TRUE NAME BELIEVED TO BE [redacted] FLORIDA DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER [redacted] SSAN: [redacted] ADDRESS BELIEVED TO BE [redacted] FLORIDA.

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(X) [redacted] (X) IS DESCRIBED AS A LATIN AMERICAN MALE, [redacted] DARK STRAIGHT HAIR, DOB: [redacted]

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(X) [redacted] (X) IS A LATIN MALE, [redacted] b7C

DOB: [redacted] COLOMBIA, AKA [redacted]

JACKSON AT MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI: 1. WILL OBATIN OFFICIAL POLICE REPORT OF ACCIDENT AND ARREST OF SUBJECT VELEZ AT MERIDIAN, MS, ON FEBRUARY 19, 1986.

2. WILL PROVIDE ANY AND ALL CLOTHING OBTAINED FROM VELEZ TO FBI LABORATORY FOR HAIRS AND FIBER EXAMINATIONS.

MIAMI AT MIAMI, FLORIDA: 1. OBTAIN CLOTHING OF SUBJECT, BOTH THAT WHICH HE WAS WEARING AND THAT FOUND IN HIS LUGGAGE FROM INS AND SUBMIT TO FBI LABORATORY FOR HAIRS AND FIBER EXAMINATION.

2. DETERMINE VALIDITY OF ADDRESS GIVEN FOR [redacted] FLORIDA. b7C

3. CONDUCT ARREST AND INDICES CHECKS ON ALL SUBJECTS. UPON NOTIFICATION FROM USA, MDLA, WILL ASSIST IN PREPARING SUITABLE INDIVIDUALS FOR A LINEUP FOR WITNESS VIEWING.

4. WILL CONTACT LOGICAL INFORMANTS TO DETERMINE IF OTHER CONTRACT KILLERS WITHIN A 48 HOUR PERIOD EITHER SIDE OF 6:00 P.M. FEBRUARY 19, 1986, ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS MURDER.

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ATTN: SA [redacted] OC-5 (MIAMI); AND SA [redacted] TALLAHASSEE RESIDENT AGENCY (JACKSONVILLE). b7C

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MIGUEL VELEZ; [redacted]

ADLER BARRY SEALE - VICTIM; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - MURDER. OO: NEW ORLEANS (NO 72-215).

RE TELCALLS TO SA [redacted] AND SA [redacted] ON FEBRUARY 20, 1986. b7C

FOR INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, CAPTIONED SUBJECT SEALE WAS VICTIM OF APPARENT CONTRACT MURDER ON FEBRUARY 19, 1986, AS

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MIAMI AT MIAMI, FLORIDA: 1. REQUEST THAT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED, INCLUDING ATTEMPTS TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL USING POST OFFICE BOX AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES: [redacted] FLORIDA [redacted] MIAMI, FLORIDA, 33163-2155.

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2. REQUEST SUBSCRIBERS TO THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS BE OBTAINED AND CRIMINAL CHECKS BE CONDUCTED FOR SUBSCRIBERS:

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MIGUEL VELEZ [redacted] b7C

ADLER BARRY SEALE - VICTIM; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - MURDER. OO: NEW ORLEANS (NO 72-215).

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RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE DATED FEBRUARY 20, 1986.

FOR INFORMATION OF ALL RECIPIENTS THE RED CADILLAC DEVILLE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN UTLIZED AS ONE GETAWAY CAR FOLLOWING THE MURDER OF SEALE WAS LOCATED ABANDONED AT NEW ORLEANS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON FEBRUARY 20, 1986, AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00 PM AND IS CURRENTLY BEING PROCESSED FOR PHYSICAL EVIDENCE AT THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE (LSP) CRIME LABORATORY, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

THE LSP CRIME LAB ADVISED ON FEBRUARY 21, 1986, THAT TWO LATENT FINGERPRINT IMPRESSIONS WITHIN THE GRAY BUICK AUTOMOBILE USED AS A GETAWAY CAR HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS FINGERPRINTS OF MIGUEL VELEZ, THE SUBJECT WHO WAS APPREHENDED AT MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, ON FEBRUARY 20, 1986.

BASED UPON INFORMATION FURNISHED BY A CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT OF THE NEW ORLEANS DIVISION [redacted] WAS PLACED UNDER SURVEILLANCE IN NEW ORLEANS AT APPROXIMATELY 9:00 AM ON FEBRUARY 21, 1986. THROUGH AUTOMOBILE RENTAL RECORDS IT WAS DETERMINED THAT [redacted] RENTED THE RED CADILLAC AUTOMOBILE AND ALSO RENTED A 1986 BLUE LINCOLN TOWNCAR FROM BUDGET RENT-A-CAR, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,

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~~WHICH HE ABANDONED IN NEW ORLEANS AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00 PM ON~~ FEBRUARY 22 [21 am], 1986. [redacted] WAS UNDER SURVEILLANCE WHEN HE ABANDONED THE CAR. THAT VEHICLE IS BEING TAKEN TO THE LSP CRIME LAB FOR PROCESSING.

AT APPROXIMATELY 6:48 PM ON FEBRUARY 22 [21 pm], 1986, A SEARCH WARRANT WAS EXECUTED AT [redacted] LOUISIANA, THE LOCATION WHERE [redacted] HAD SECRETED TWO COLOMBIANS THAT HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO HAVE TRANSPORTED TO MIAMI, FLORIDA. ITEMS RECOVERED FROM SEARCH INCLUDE APPROXIMATELY FOUR OUNCES OF COCAINE, $7,500 IN CASH, AND DRUG TRAFFICKING RECORDS. ARRESTED AT THAT LOCATION WERE [redacted] THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS ARE BEING HELD IN NEW ORLEANS ON IMMIGRATION CHARGES. b7C

[redacted] WAS ARRESTED AT ANOTHER LOCATION BASED UPON VERBAL AUTHORIZATION OF U. S. STRIKE FORCE ATTORNEY [redacted] NEW ORLEANS, AND AUSA BRADLEY MYERS, BATON ROUGE. A COMPLAINT WILL BE FILED CHARGING HIM WITH OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, CONSPIRACY TO INTIMIDATE A FEDERAL WITNESS, TITLE 18 U. S. CODE SECTIONS 371, 1513, AND 2.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE PASSPORT FOR [redacted] WAS LOCATED IN THE LUGGAGE OF [redacted] WHEN HE WAS ARRESTED AT [redacted] LOUISIANA, ON b7C

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ATTN: [redacted] CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, ORGANIZED CRIME SECTION, FBIHQ; ~~SAC WELDON KENNEDY, ATLANTA DIVISION.~~ smt

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RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE DATED FEBRUARY 20, 1986.

FOR INFORMATION OF ALL RECIPIENTS THE RED CADILLAC DEVILLE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN UTLIZED AS ONE GETAWAY CAR FOLLOWING THE MURDER OF SEALE WAS LOCATED ABANDONED AT NEW ORLEANS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON FEBRUARY 20, 1986, AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00 PM AND IS CURRENTLY BEING PROCESSED FOR PHYSICAL EVIDENCE AT THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE (LSP) CRIME LABORATORY, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

THE LSP CRIME LAB ADVISED ON FEBRUARY 21, 1986, THAT TWO LATENT FINGERPRINT IMPRESSIONS WITHIN THE GRAY BUICK AUTOMOBILE USED AS A GETAWAY CAR HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS FINGERPRINTS OF MIGUEL VELEZ, and THE SUBJECT WHO WAS APPREHENDED AT MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, ON FEBRUARY 20, 1986.

BASED UPON INFORMATION FURNISHED BY A CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT OF THE NEW ORLEANS DIVISION [redacted] WAS PLACED UNDER SURVEILLANCE IN NEW ORLEANS AT APPROXIMATELY 9:00 AM ON FEBRUARY 21, 1986. THROUGH AUTOMOBILE RENTAL RECORDS IT WAS DETERMINED THAT [redacted] RENTED THE RED CADILLAC AUTOMOBILE AND ALSO RENTED A 1986 BLUE LINCOLN TOWNCAR FROM BUDGET RENT-A-CAR, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, b7C

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WHICH HE ABANDONED IN NEW ORLEANS AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00 PM ON FEBRUARY 21, 1986. [redacted] WAS UNDER SURVEILLANCE WHEN HE ABANDONED THE CAR. THAT VEHICLE IS BEING TAKEN TO THE LSP CRIME LAB FOR PROCESSING. b7C

AT APPROXIMATELY 6:48 PM ON FEBRUARY 21, 1986, A SEARCH WARRANT WAS EXECUTED AT [redacted] LOUISIANA, THE LOCATION WHERE [redacted] HAD SECRETED TWO COLOMBIANS THAT HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO HAVE TRANSPORTED TO MIAMI, FLORIDA. ITEMS RECOVERED FROM SEARCH INCLUDE APPROXIMATELY FOUR OUNCES OF COCAINE, $7,500 IN CASH, AND DRUG TRAFFICKING RECORDS. ARRESTED AT THAT LOCATION WERE [redacted] THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS ARE BEING HELD IN NEW ORLEANS ON IMMIGRATION CHARGES.

[redacted] WAS ARRESTED AT ANOTHER LOCATION BASED UPON VERBAL AUTHORIZATION OF U. S. STRIKE FORCE ATTORNEY [redacted] NEW ORLEANS, b7C AND AUSA BRADLEY MYERS, BATON ROUGE. A COMPLAINT WILL BE FILED CHARGING HIM WITH OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, CONSPIRACY TO INTIMIDATE A FEDERAL WITNESS, TITLE 18 U. S. CODE SECTIONS 371, 1513, AND 2.

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FBI holds 3 suspects in slaying

By JOHN SEMIEN
Advocate staff writer

The FBI on Thursday booked a Miami man captured in Mississippi with obstruction of justice in connection with the machine-gun slaying of drug smuggler Adler "Barry" Seal, according to a spokesman.

City police in Meridian, Miss., arrested Miguel Velez, 37, at 2 30 a.m. Wednesday after a cab in which Velez was a passenger collided with a deer on Interstate 59, FBI Special Agent Ed Grimsley said.

U.S. Attorney Stanford O. Bardwell Jr. said federal authorities continued to examine evidence on two other suspects in the slaying Those suspects were being held in New Orleans and Miami, while a fourth suspect remained at large.

At a press conference Thursday, Bardwell said federal authorities here were working with city and state police to apprehend the gunmen who shot Seal with automatic weapons shortly before he was scheduled to check into the Salvation Army Community Treatment Center on Airline Highway.

Seal was serving a six-month sentence at the halfway house as part of a plea agreement with federal prosecutors on drug trafficking charges

He was shot as he parked his Cadillac at the center at about 6 p.m Wednesday Witnesses said two Latin-looking men pulled up in a car and opened fire in what police believe to be a hired killing

Grimsley said officials believe Velez was one of the men in the parking lot when Seal was killed

"We're charging him with conspiracy," Grimsley said. "We feel like he was one of the people who were on the scene there

"We have other suspects we are looking at," he said "They are in federal custody, but they have not been charged in this offense"

Grimsley said Velez was booked with one count of conspiracy to obstruct justice and one count of obstruction of justice.

"We had information that he was traveling in a cab from New Orleans on I-59," Grimsley said "The taxicab ran into a deer on the interstate and had an accident"

Grimsley said Meridian officers recognized the cab from an all points bulletin issued late Wednesday night and made the arrest

At the press conference, Bardwell said Seal, who was a federal informant in several major drug cases, refused countless offers of protection under the witness protection program.

He said numerous conferences were

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held with attorneys for Seal concerning his options as a federal witness before he was confined to the Middle District.

"The most promising option discovered was making available the federal witness protection program," Bardwell said.

Under the program, the U.S. Marshal's Service establishes a new identity, residence and job for witnesses and their families, as well as protection, Bardwell said.

He said Seal repeatedly refused to enter the program, which would have altered his flamboyant lifestyle.

"My impression was that he found it too restrictive on his movements and life style," Bardwell said. "He had to maintain a low profile and change his working habits, and I don't think he was willing to do that."

Bardwell said officials became more alarmed about Seal's safety when it was learned that reputed Colombian cocaine trafficker Jorge Ochoa would be extradited from Spain to the United States to face indictments on drug charges here.

Ochoa, described by law enforcement officials as one of the key men behind Colombia's most powerful cocaine ring, is in prison in Spain awaiting extradition to the United State and Colombia on separate charges. He is accused of shipping large quantities of cocaine from Bolivia and Colombia and running cocaine-processing laboratories in Nicaragua.

Seal was an important witness in that case and "at that time the likelihood of his being in danger heightened," Bardwell said.

"The efforts on our part, I think, heightened the day of and (the day) preceding the hearing," Bardwell said. "In our view the sentencing judge went above and beyond his role and authority in extending to Mr. Seal alternatives that would ensure his protection."

U.S. District Judge Frank J. Polozola sentenced Seal to six months in the halfway house and a five-year suspended sentence.

Seal pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute 200 kilograms of cocaine and one count of causing a financial institution not to file a currency transaction report with the federal government.

Other options considered by federal authorities included transferring him to the Northern District of Florida and the Eastern District of New York, he said.

But, Bardwell said, Seal finally entered the halfway house and proceeded to serve his sentence "in his own fashion."

"We regret that incident," Bardwell said about the murder. "I regret it personally. I've known Mr. Seal since high school."

Bardwell said officials also had planned to get information from Seal on cocaine trafficking in the Middle District.

He said suspects in Seal's murder could face federal charges of obstruction of justice and possibly violating Seal's civil rights.

Bardwell acknowledged that federal officials in Florida advised Baton Rouge authorities of the dangers of placing Seal in the halfway house but called allegations that the sentence was aimed at setting up Seal "hogwash."

"Seal was a convicted criminal," Bardwell said. "This was his third conviction He deserved to be prosecuted, and he deserved to be sentenced.

"In terms of punishment for crime, I think he got off fairly easy, in sentencing," Bardwell said. "But nobody is cheering about this."

Bardwell would not speculate on what effect Seal's death will have on pending federal drug cases in which Seal was expected to testify.

Jim Adamcik of the U.S. Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Agency here said a .45 cal. Mac-10 machine gun and a 9 mm Uzi machine gun, both equipped with silencers, were found where Seal's assassins changed cars.

He said the ATF National Firearms Trace Center has been consulted in tracing the machine guns, which are popular among drug traffickers in south Florida.

"It's a common type of weapon used in assassinations and murders," Adamcik said. "They are heavily used by narcotics traffickers. In south Florida, those things are as common as water."

Adamcik said ATF has not been asked to join the investigation.

City Police spokesman Jeff Wesley said local officials are handling the shooting as a homicide.

"At this point, we're still investigating the case, but much of the investigation is being handled by the FBI and other federal authorities," Wesley said. "We still consider it our case, and we're working it as a homicide."

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FBI adds 3 suspects in smuggler's death

By JAMES O'BYRNE
Staff writer

FBI agents have arrested three more Colombian men suspected of involvement in the slaying of federal drug informant Adler Berriman Seal, who died in a hail of automatic gunfire as he sat in his Cadillac at a Baton Rouge halfway house Wednesday.

The Friday night arrests, one in Algiers and two in Marrero, bring to six the number of Colombians being held in Seal's death. Three men were arrested separately Thursday.

Seal, 43, a retired Trans World Airways pilot, drug smuggler and informant, was to be the star witness in the federal drug trial of Jorge Luis Ochoa Vasquez, who prosecutors say is the leader of the world's largest cocaine cartel. Ochoa is in custody in Spain, fighting extradition to Miami.

Arrested Friday were Bernardo Antonio Vasquez, 32, John Jairo Cardona-Garcia, 22, and Luis Carlos Quintero-Cruz, 33.

FBI spokesman Cliff Anderson would not release their home addresses, but said Vasquez was arrested at an Algiers residence and the other two were apprehended at a Glasco Drive home in Marrero.

An unspecified amount of cocaine was found at the Glasco Drive location, Anderson said.

Vasquez was charged with obstruction of justice, and the other two men were being detained as illegal aliens, Anderson said.

Anderson said additional federal charges, including drug charges, could be brought against all six men.

The simultaneous Friday night raids were carried out by FBI agents as well as agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Border Patrol.

Arrested Thursday were Miguel Velez, 36, Hiliberto Sanchez, 27, and Jose Renteria, age unknown.

Velez was arrested in Meridian, Miss., after a cab he hired near New Orleans International Airport struck a deer on the way to Montgomery, Ala. Sanchez was arrested at the Hilton Hotel in Kenner and Renteria was arrested at Miami International Airport after a flight from New Orleans.

Seal once boasted of smuggling 20,000 pounds of cocaine into the United States. He pleaded guilty last year to smuggling 218 kilograms of Colombian cocaine into the United States on Oct. 14, 1982.

As part of a plea bargain with the federal government, Seal was ordered to report to the halfway house to perform community service. Seal declined an offer to enter the federal witness-protection program, choosing to live in Baton Rouge and protect himself, authorities said.

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A DETENTION HEARING FOR SUBJECT VALEZ WAS HELD AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, ON FEBURARY 24, 1986 AFTER WHICH VALEZ WAS TRANSPORTED TO BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT TELEPHONE [redacted] IN THE POSSESSION OF SUBJECT VALEZ AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST, IS SUBSCRIBED TO BY ONE [redacted] IN AN APARTMENT COMPLEX LOCATED AT MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, WHICH IS OWNED BY PABLO ESCOBAR, A KNOWN ASSOCIATE OF [redacted] DRUG SMUGGLING CARTEL.

NEW ORLEANS IS CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO TRACE THE RADIO SHACK PORTABLE CITIZENS BAND RECOVERED FROM THE MURDER VEHICLE.

INVESTIGATION AT BATON ROUGE HAS DETERMINED THAT SUBJECT [redacted] DRIVING THE BLUE LINCOLN AUTOMOBILE AND ONE OTHER

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NEW ORLEANS IS CURRENTLY OBTAINING A SEARCH WARRANT TO OBTAIN HAIR SAMPLES, BLOOD SAMPLES, AND WRITING EXEMPLARS FOR ALL SUBJECTS. ADDITIONALLY PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO SCHEDULE PHYSICAL LINEUPS FOR APPROPRIATE SUBJECTS.

SUBJECT VALEZ IS REPORTED TO HAVE PLACED A LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL TO AN UNKNOWN LOCATION WHILE HE WAS IN CUSTODY IN MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI. JACKSON IS REQUESTED TO DETERMINE THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON CALLED AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

MIAMI IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION REGARDING [redacted] THE PERSON WHO ON DECEMBER 2, 1985, PURCHASED THE UZI SEMI AUTOMATIC PISTOL RECOVERED FROM THE MURDER VEHICLE.

PASSPORTS IN THEIR POSSESSION DISCLOSED THAT SUBJECTS [redacted] ENTERED PANAMA AND MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 8, 1986. THEIR TRAVEL SUBSEQUENT TO THAT TIME IS UNDOCUMENTED.

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PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALL SUBJECTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF FINGERPRINT CARDS OF ALL SUBJECTS ARE BEING FORWARDED DIRECTLY TO LEGAT BOGATA. LEGAT BOGATA IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN FINGERPRINT CARDS OF ALL POTENTIAL SUBJECTS NOT CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED AND FORWARD DIRECTLY TO THE FBI NEW ORLEANS. THOSE PRINTS WILL BE COMPARED WITH THOSE LATENT FINGERPRINT IMPRESSIONS NOT YET IDENTIFIED AT LSP CRIME LAB, BATON ROUGE.

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH THIS TELETYPE TO LEGAT BOGATA BY TELETYPE.

FOR THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU THE INDIVIDUAL AT NEW ORLEANS WHO FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO [redacted] IS [redacted] NEW ORLEANS, BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION, WILL REQUEST A $5,000 CASH ADVANCE TO PAY FOR RELOCATION EXPENSES FOR THIS INDIVIDUAL. THE FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECTS IN THIS MATTER (X) MIGUEL VALEZ (X), DOB JUNE 7, 1949 OR JULY 7, 1949, WHITE MALE, 6'0" TALL, 185 LBS. BLACK WAVY HAIR, BROWN EYES, DARK COMPLEXION, THIN MUSTACHE. (X) [redacted] (X), DATE OF BIRTH [redacted] WHITE b7C

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AS NOTED SUBJECT VALEZ IS CURRENTLY IN BATON ROUGE. SUBJECT [redacted] IS IN MIAMI, FLORIDA. OTHER SUBJECTS ARE IN NEW ORLEANS.

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THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA IS CURRENTLY DETERMINING THE MEANS BY WHICH CHARGES AGAINST ADDITIONAL DEFENDANTS WILL BE HANDLED.

THE BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER.

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INVESTIGATION AT BATON ROUGE HAS DETERMINED THAT SUBJECT [redacted] DRIVING THE BLUE LINCOLN AUTOMOBILE AND ONE OTHER

INDIVIDUAL CHECKED INTO THE JAY MOTEL, BATON ROUGE, ON FEBRUARY 16, 1986. ADDITIONAL LATIN INDIVIDUALS CHECKED INTO THAT SAME HOTEL NEAR THE SAME TIME. NEW ORLEANS CURRENTLY TRACING THOSE PERSONS.

NEW ORLEANS IS CURRENTLY OBTAINING A SEARCH WARRANT TO OBTAIN HAIR SAMPLES, BLOOD SAMPLES, AND WRITING EXEMPLARS FOR ALL SUBJECTS. ADDITIONALLY PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO SCHEDULE PHYSICAL LINEUPS FOR APPROPRIATE SUBJECTS.

SUBJECT VALEZ IS REPORTED TO HAVE PLACED A LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL TO AN UNKNOWN LOCATION WHILE HE WAS IN CUSTODY IN MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI. JACKSON IS REQUESTED TO DETERMINE THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON CALLED AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

MIAMI IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION REGARDING [redacted] THE PERSON WHO ON DECEMBER 2, 1985, PURCHASED THE UZI SEMI AUTOMATIC PISTOL RECOVERED FROM THE MURDER VEHICLE.

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PASSPORTS IN THEIR POSSESSION DISCLOSED THAT SUBJECTS [redacted] ENTERED PANAMA AND MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 8, 1986. THEIR TRAVEL SUBSEQUENT TO THAT TIME IS UNDOCUMENTED.

ADDITIONALLY SUBJECTS VALEZ, [redacted]

[redacted] ARE ALL FROM MEDELLIN, COLUMBIA. b7C

PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALL SUBJECTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF FINGERPRINT CARDS OF ALL SUBJECTS ARE BEING FORWARDED DIRECTLY TO LEGAT BOGATA. LEGAT BOGATA IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN FINGERPRINT CARDS OF ALL POTENTIAL SUBJECTS NOT CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED AND FORWARD DIRECTLY TO THE FBI NEW ORLEANS. THOSE PRINTS WILL BE COMPARED WITH THOSE LATENT FINGERPRINT IMPRESSIONS NOT YET IDENTIFIED AT LSP CRIME LAB, BATON ROUGE.

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH THIS TELETYPE TO LEGAT BOGATA BY TELETYPE.

FOR THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU THE INDIVIDUAL AT NEW ORLEANS WHO FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO [redacted] IS [redacted] NEW ORLEANS, BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION, WILL REQUEST A $5,ØØØ CASH ADVANCE TO PAY FOR RELOCATION EXPENSES FOR THIS INDIVIDUAL. THE FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECTS IN THIS MATTER (X) MIGUEL VALEZ (X), DOB JUNE 7, 1949 OR JULY 7, 1949, WHITE MALE, 6' Ø" TALL, 185 LBS. BLACK WAVY HAIR, BROWN EYES, DARK COMPLEXION, THIN MUSTACHE.

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(X) [redacted] (X), DATE OF BIRTH [redacted] WHITE b7C

MALE, [redacted] IN HEIGHT, BLACK HAIR, DARK COMPLEXION. (X) [redacted] (X), WHITE MALE, BORN [redacted] IN HEIGHT. (X) [redacted] (X), BORN [redacted] WHITE MALE [redacted] IN HEIGHT, [redacted] BLACK HAIR, MEDIUM COMPLEXION, MUSTACHE. (X) [redacted] (X), BORN [redacted] AT [redacted] COLUMBIA [redacted] IN HEIGHT, [redacted] BLACK HAIR, DARK COMPLEXION. (X) [redacted] (X), WHITE MALE, BORN [redacted] AT [redacted] COLUMBIA, [redacted] IN HEIGHT, [redacted] BROWN EYES, DARK COMPLEXION. b7C

AS NOTED SUBJECT VALEZ IS CURRENTLY IN BATON ROUGE. SUBJECT [redacted] IS IN MIAMI, FLORIDA. OTHER SUBJECTS ARE IN NEW ORLEANS. b7C

THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA IS CURRENTLY DETERMINING THE MEANS BY WHICH CHARGES AGAINST ADDITIONAL DEFENDANTS WILL BE HANDLED.

THE BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER.

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FD-302 (REV 3-10-82)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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On February 20, 1986, [redacted] Louisiana, was contacted at his home by Special Agent (SA [redacted] where he provided the following information:

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[redacted] is employed as [redacted] Louisiana, and was on [redacted] sitting [redacted] in the parking lot. [redacted] considered this odd because [redacted] was accompanied by MIGUEL VELEZ, [redacted] saw VELEZ from the back, sitting on the front passenger side of the automobile, but was able to recognize him.

[redacted] While stopped at an intersection of [redacted] pulled up next to [redacted] was alone in his auto.

[redacted] was aware that an investigation [redacted] was in progress.

[redacted] described [redacted] as a hispanic male, short, dark curly hair, glasses, approximately [redacted] tall, [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] b7C Date dictated 2/21/86

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3 held in death of drug witness

By DAN BENNETT
Staff writer

Three men, including a Colombian captured when the taxi he was in struck a deer in Meridian, Miss, have been arrested in the machine-gun slaying of a federal drug informant in Baton Rouge, the FBI said Thursday

Adler Berriman Seal, 43, a retired Trans World Airways pilot who became a drug smuggler and then a federal informant, was gunned down Wednesday as he sat in his car in a Salvation Army halfway house parking lot

Seal was the chief witness in the pending trial in Miami of Jorge Luis Ochoa Vasquez, described by police as the world's largest cocaine dealer, federal authorities said

Three Latin Americans were arrested in Seal's death Thursday

Miguel Velez, 36, was charged with obstruction of justice following his arrest in Meridian, FBI spokesman Clifford Anderson said He was transferred to Jackson.

Two others were being held for questioning Thursday in New Orleans and Miami

Hiliberto Sanchez, 27, of Colombia, was arrested by the Border Patrol about 12 05 a m at the Hilton Hotel in Kenner and was being held as an illegal alien at Orleans Parish Prison

U S Customs agents at Miami International Airport arrested Jose Renteria, who said he was Puerto Rican and later claimed to be Venezuelan, following his arrival from New Orleans at about 1 a.m CST He was being held as an illegal alien.

Agents said they are searching for a fourth man

"We believe two of them are the persons who fired the shots," said U S Attorney Stanford Bardwell in Baton Rouge

Velez, who has a U S passport,

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